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This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/552,803 filed April 20, 2000, which claims benefit of the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/130,438, filed April 21, 1999 and entitled "Novel Scanning Spectrophotometer For High Throughput Fluorescence Detection" the entire contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.